

49. In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please add the following claims:

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18. (New) A tablet comprising
- (a) from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units and
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose.
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19. (New) A tablet according to claim 18 further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, a gum, and mixtures thereof.
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20. (New) A tablet according to claim 19 comprising dextrose, sodium citrate, and a lubricant.
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21. (New) A tablet according to claim 19 comprising manitol, dextrose, sodium citrate, and a gum.
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22. (New) A tablet according to claim 21 wherein the gum is selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, alginate, dextran, acacia gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, and tragacanth.
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23. (New) A tablet according to claim 22 wherein the gum is carboxymethyl cellulose.
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24. (New) A tablet according to claim 19 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
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25. (New) A tablet according to claim 20 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.
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26. (New) A tablet according to claim 24 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.
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27. (New) A tablet according to claim 25 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

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~~28.~~ (New) A tablet according to claim ⁴~~19~~ wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.

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~~29.~~ (New) A tablet according to claim ⁹~~20~~ wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.

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~~30.~~ (New) A tablet comprising

- (a) about 3000 FCC lactase units;
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
- (c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
- (d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
- (a) carboxymethyl cellulose;
- (b) dextrose; and
- (c) sodium citrate.

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~~31.~~ (New) A tablet comprising

- (a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
- (c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
- (d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
- (e) carboxymethyl cellulose;
- (f) dextrose; and
- (g) sodium citrate.

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~~32.~~ (New) A tablet comprising

- (a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
- (c) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
- (d) dextrose; and
- (e) sodium citrate.

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~~33.~~ (New) A composition comprising

- (a) from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units and
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²²~~33~~ further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, a gum, and mixtures thereof.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²³~~34~~ comprising dextrose, sodium citrate, and a lubricant.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²³~~34~~ comprising mannitol, dextrose, sodium citrate, and a gum.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²⁵~~36~~ wherein the gum is selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, alginate, dextran, acacia gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, and tragacanth.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²⁴~~37~~ wherein the gum is carboxymethyl cellulose.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²³~~34~~ wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²⁴~~35~~ wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²⁹~~40~~ wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²⁴~~35~~ wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²³~~34~~ wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 5 % by weight.

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(New) A composition according to claim ²⁴~~35~~ wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 5 % by weight.

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(New) A composition comprising

- (a) about 3000 FCC lactase units;
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
- (c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
- (d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
- (e) carboxymethyl cellulose;
- (f) dextrose; and
- (g) sodium citrate.

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(New) A composition comprising

- (a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
- (c) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent mannitol;
- (d) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
- (e) carboxymethyl cellulose;
- (f) dextrose; and
- (g) sodium citrate.

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(New) A composition comprising

- (a) about 9000 FCC lactase units;
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose;
- (c) from about 0.25 to about 6 weight percent magnesium stearate;
- (d) dextrose; and
- (e) sodium citrate.

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(New) A process for making a tablet comprising the following steps in order

- (a) mixing lactase and microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
- (b) adding to the preblend a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, a gum, and mixtures thereof to form a mixture; and
- (c) compressing the mixture to form a tablet.

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(New) A process according to claim 48 wherein dextrose, sodium citrate, and a lubricant are added to the preblend.

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(New) A process according to claim 48 wherein manitol, dextrose, sodium citrate, and a gum are added to the preblend.

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(New) A process according to claim 33 wherein the gum is selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, alginate, dextran, acacia gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, and tragacanth.

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(New) A process according to claim 34 wherein the gum is carboxymethyl cellulose.

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(New) A process according to claim 31 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

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(New) A process according to claim 32 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

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(New) A process according to claim 36 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

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(New) A process according to claim 37 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

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(New) A process according to claim 36 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.

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(New) A process according to claim 37 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.

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(New) A process for making a tablet comprising

- (a) mixing an amount lactase having a potency of between about 14,000 and about 100,000 FCC units and about 25 to about 85 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
- (b) adding from about 25 to about 70 weight percent of the tablet of mannitol; from about 0.25 to about 5 weight percent of the tablet of magnesium stearate; carboxymethyl cellulose; dextrose; and sodium citrate to form a mixture;

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(c) and compressing the mixture to form the tablet.

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(New) A process for making a tablet comprising

(a) mixing an amount lactase having a potency of between about 14,000 and about 100,000 FCC units and about 25 to about 85 weight percent

microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;

(b) adding from about 0.25 to about 5 weight percent of the tablet of magnesium stearate; dextrose; and sodium citrate to form a mixture; and

(c) compressing the mixture to form the tablet.

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